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C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 1672

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS; PFOR, DM

SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT ASS'T AIR ATTACHE

REF: STATE A-9164. EFTO 0387 SEPT 73

WE ARE PUZZLED BY ANNOUNCEMENT OF ASSIGNMENT CAPT D'ANGELO (A-9164) AS AIR ATTACHE. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF EFTO 0387 SEPT 73 FROM USDAO ABIDJAN STATING "AIR ATTACHE POSITION BEING DELETED" AND LT COL KELSO BEING REPLACED BY ASS'T ARMY ATTACHE, MAJOR HARDIN, WE SO INFORMED MRGD ON OCTOBER 5. WE HAVE ALSO RECENTLY GIVEN THEM POLITE BUT FIRM TURNDOWN ON REQUEST FOR PILOT TRAINING AS WELL AS OTHER FORMS MILITARY ASSISTANCE. TO NOW INTRODUCE NEW ATTACHE TO SENSITIVE, SUSPICIOUS REGIME COULD CREATE MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND WOULD SERVE LITTLE IN TERMS U.S. INTERESTS. MOREOVER, IT HARD TO IMAGINE HOW DAHOMEY'S MINISCULE AIR FORCE COULD WARRANT PROFESSIONAL AMERICAN ATTENTION. THEREFORE, POST WILL NOT SEEK ACCREDITATION UNLESS DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS JUSTIFICATION FOR AIR ATTACHE IS OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE TO OVERRIDE CITED OBJECTIONS. ABOVE RESPONSE WAS DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR ANDERSON BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE ON CONSULTATION.

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